

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2020

Teleconference: 7:00 PM

Present: Holliston Board of Health: Laura Nolan (*BoH Chair*)
Thomas Ellis (*Vice-Chair*)
Josh Mann (*member*)

Scott Moles, *Health Director and Agent*
Ann Adams, *Health Department Clerk*
Lisa Deering, *Health Department Clerk*

Laura Nolan, BoH Chair opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Scott Moles, Health Director, read the Remote Participation Statement.

Board of Health Roll call: Laura Nolan-Present, Thomas Ellis-Present, Josh Mann-Present

Public Comment: None

Director's Report

COVID-19 update:

- Total COVID-19 cases = 229 at 26 addresses.
- Holliston remains a Yellow (medium risk) town on the State COVID-19 risk map.
- Town COVID-19 case demographics were sent to the BoH showed the growth in the 20 to 29 age bracket.
- College students COVID-19 cases are sometimes counted in their hometown, but sometimes, in their college town depending on several factors.
- Holliston Public Middle School, grades 6-8, are remote this week.
- Thomas is concerned about the velocity of the rise in cases and how the school decides on going remote.
- Scott said that these increases are due to an increase in testing of High School students and soccer groupings.
- Scott said the School's COVID-19 decision criteria is outlined on their website, and the Schools receive guidance from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the MA Department of Public Health. The Board are welcome to offer their recommendations to the Schools.
- The Schools work daily with Salmon VNA, our BoH contract nurses. These communications must operate within HIPPA constraints.
- Thomas is concerned that other towns have gone to full remote schools, and Holliston has not, especially with the holidays coming up.
- Scott will ask the Schools to include the BoH on their teacher emails so that they have the decisions prior to the parents. It is undermining to have the BoH not aware of the School decisions that state they are in "communications with the BoH."
- Laura said they must be careful not to complicate the Schools decision process. Scott is the BoH designated representative at the School meetings/communications.
- Any person is welcome to attend School Board meetings. They are posted on their website. BoH members may attend as parents, but if they are representing the BoH, their meeting must be posted.
- Josh said he has no interest in always being involved in the Schools decisions, but during this pandemic he thinks the BoH should have more input.
- Scott will look into getting a BoH liaison included to the School COVID-19 meetings.

- Cassidy stated in his weekly summary that the cases were at 20 home clusters and that the spread is from the community to the schools, not from the schools to the community.
- The Governor will announce a holiday shopping advisory tomorrow.
- Scott asked for additional COVID-19 funding from a Region 4 A/B.
- Josh was glad to see that the COVID-19 policy was changed to require quarantining until test results were obtained.

Covanta Site Assignment renewal letter sent to the State and Covanta for comments. The Board will see a draft by the end of the year.

Town Hall Septic upgrade plans include placing the leach field in front of Town Hall, requiring significant landscaping: moving bricks, monument and trees. There is a line item going to Town Meeting on Saturday requesting a budget for the design. Laura asked about the impact of the cemetery next door to Town Hall. Scott said that several graves had to be moved when they installed the electrical box out front.

Marshall Street Landfill Solar Panel Farm: a condensed version of the plan will go to the Board, with Kleinfelder comments. Rennie Friedman, Solsystems representative will be present at the next BoH meeting for BoH questions.

Tobacco Regulation Enforcement Manager Olivia DuFour will be introduced to the Board at the next BoH meeting so she can be nominated and sworn in for enforcement.

1700 Washington Street septic restriction wording from Jay Talerman, Town Counsel, is ready for the Board's signatures. Josh signed in person today. Laura will send an e-signature. Thomas will stop by Town Hall tomorrow. Scott thanked them for their efforts.

BoH Meeting Minutes: Laura made a motion to approve the November 17, 2020 BoH Minutes. Thomas seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Bills: The following bill was reviewed and approved:

Talerman Legal fees for 1700 Washington Street \$134.60

Laura made a motion to approve the bill as listed above.

Josh seconded. Roll call: Laura Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Next BoH Meetings: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM, via Zoom Teleconference

Board Comment: Josh asked about the distribution of cannabis via home delivery, especially considering that the Town had voted to ban a "brick and mortar" cannabis store in Town. The Board discussed the repercussions, and Scott explained that cannabis is licensed and regulated by the State.

Laura motioned to close the meeting at 8:07 PM. Thomas seconded.

Roll call: Laura- Aye, Thomas-Aye, Josh-Aye. Passed

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams

Approval Date: 12-15-20